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## Airport gets \$15 million for improvement projects

Mineta San Jose International Airport will receive \$15 million in Federal Aviation Administration grants, reimbursements for its program to insulate homes from aircraft noise and to pay for security enhancements following the Sept. 11 attacks, officials said Friday.

One of the grants, for \$8 million, will be used to soundproof 300 homes in the Guadalupe/Washington, Ryland-Vendome, Market-Almaden, and Rosemary Gardens neighborhoods in San Jose, and the Fairway Glen area in Santa Clara.

The program has already insulated 1,400 homes. The city seeks additional grants to insulate another 900 homes that fall under the airport's noise exposure map.

The second grant, worth \$7 million, will help pay for changes to increase passenger flow through checkpoints and pay for upgrades in airport security -- design work for new baggage and passenger screening improvements, fingerprint equipment, and better perimeter fencing.

The grants were announced by Reps. Zoe Lofgren and Mike Honda, both of San Jose, and Mayor Ron Gonzales.